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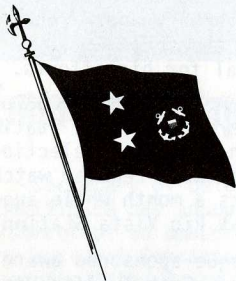
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## THE ADMIRAL'S CORNER

In September I visited the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, and it was my privilege to present Coast Guard Reserve Unit Portland II with the ROA Congressional Trophy. Further details of that award are contained elsewhere in this issue. Senator Packwood had planned to make the presentation but was unable to attend the ceremony when his plane was grounded in Spokane. In view of this recent presentation, I would like to discuss our awards system in general.

Within the past two years, the Reserve Awards Program has been criticized on a number of occasions. The criticism is based partly on the feeling that Reserve units should not be expected to compete with each other for awards when the primary emphasis is on augmentation. Cooperation and mutual support should be the keynote, particularly in situations where two or more Reserve units are augmenting the same captain-of-the-port, port safety station, or base. Therefore we should not have unit awards, only awards to individuals for superior performance.

Without disagreeing with this thinking, I believe that recognition of both outstanding units and reservists is a strong motivating force. Furthermore, award criteria fully consistent with program goals serve as constant reminders of the standards of performance that units and reservists should be striving to attain.

Augmentation certainly has added

a new dimension to the availability of awards for reservists. Through participation in Regular Coast Guard missions and tasks at Regular units, reservists are in an improved position to qualify for Regular Coast Guard awards.

In the past year a number of these awards -- letters of commendation, letters of appreciation, achievement and commendation medals, even the Coast Guard Medal -- have been presented to reservists. There would have been little opportunity several years ago for reservists to earn awards of this type. So it is particularly impressive that in an increasing number of instances reservists are recommended for Regular Coast Guard awards by the Regular commands they augment.

I believe that the collective and individual recognition of reservists benefits both the advancement of the program and the morale and motivation of the individual. These benefits can be enhanced by retaining the best of our traditional district and unit awards, with some minor revisions in criteria, while at the same time placing increased emphasis on Regular Coast Guard awards to the individual.

In order to accomplish these aims, the following changes are planned. The Admiral R.R. WAESCHE Award will be retained for the best district. The ROA Congressional Trophy will be retained for the best unit or group (eligibility of a Reserve Group for the award will be subject to approval

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## Portland Wins ROA Congressional Award

For the second time, Coast Guard Reserve Unit Portland II (formerly ORTUPS 13-82891) has won the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Congressional Award. The Washington, D.C. Chapter of the ROA, which sponsors the award, recently announced the selection for fiscal year 1973. The Portland, Oregon unit also won the 1972 award.

CGRU Portland II was cited for its well-rounded program of augmentation training and community-related activities which portrayed the "citizen-sailor concept" desired by the sponsor.

During the year covered by the award, the unit performed augmentation assignments at Captain of the Port Portland and was involved in special interest vessel boardings and oil transfer operations. The reservists also manned the communications center and provided routine patrol forces in the harbor areas.

As part of their continuing community action program, they sponsor a Sea Explorer Ship and conduct weekend first aid programs and merit badge seminars for Scouts in the Portland area. The reservists also conducted, in conjunction with the Sea Explorers, a Christmas party at a home for mentally handicapped children.

Other community projects included conducting a home repair workshop for the Portland Model Cities Project and teaching basic home repairs to residents. Various volunteers from the unit made repairs to low income housing, repainted a playhouse at a

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## RPA Board Set For February

A board to designate Reserve officers as permanent and provisional Reserve Program Administrators (RPA) has been tentatively scheduled by Commandant (G-P0) to convene in February 1975.

Applications for permanent RPA will be accepted from Reserve officers, both active and inactive, in the grades of LTJG or LT who have

- not been considered by more than one designation board,

- served two and one-half years active duty as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve, and

- completed one year of service in a Headquarters or district office Reserve billet.

In addition, all Reserve officers (both active and inactive duty) who do not meet the active duty service requirement or a one year Headquarters or district Reserve office billet assignment may apply for designation as provisional RPAs. If selected, a provisional RPA will be ordered to duty for evaluation and completion of the active duty and/or the Reserve office assignment requirements. These requirements may be completed concurrently. However, in many instances the general duty assignment will have to be completed before assignment to a Reserve administration billet.

The number of RPAs selected usually does not exceed eight. This board is the first since 1959 to consider women. Public Law 93-174 signed in December 1973 opened the way for women to become RPAs by abolishing the Women's Reserve and placing all Coast Guard women with men in one Reserve component. No female candidates applied to the 1974 board. All requirements are the same for both men and women.

Application in letter form sent via the chain of command must be submitted to Commandant (G-P0-3) in January to reach Headquarters not later than 1 February 1975. This letter application must contain a brief resume of educational background and previous service. Other pertinent experience or qualifications may be added. Those on inactive duty must include the number of days within which they can report to duty after notification of selection.

Requirements for application for RPA are found in Section 1-B-3 of the Personnel Manual (CG-207). Sections 5-A-6, 12-C-7, 14-A-12, and 14-A-17 of the same publication contain additional information on the RPA program.


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by the sponsor). The DOD Community Service Awards will be continued for the best units or groups.

The District Commanders' Awards and the Commandant's Awards will be disestablished. However, individual districts may continue the former award based on their own criteria, if desired. Participation certificates will be eliminated also.

In addition to retaining the awards noted above and possibly adding a Reservist of the Year award (this is now under consideration), primary emphasis would be placed on recognition of reservists for individual and collective effort under the Regular Coast Guard awards system. These changes, which I believe will strengthen our awards program, are being incorporated in a directive now in preparation.

  
J.E. JOHANSEN

  
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Shriners hospital for crippled children, and repaired portions of a Boy Scout camp damaged by severe winter weather.

Earlier this year the hard-working reservists from Portland also received the Department of Defense Community Relations/Domestic Action Award for their efforts.

Runner-up for the award was Coast Guard Reserve Unit Law Enforcement Dallas (Tex.). CGRU Dallas (formerly ORTUPS 08-82542) was cited for its efforts in boating safety, public relations, recruiting, and work with the Dallas Civil Air Patrol.

## UNIMAK Gets New Skipper

CDR Joseph H. WUBBOLD III, USCG, relieved CAPT William P. ALLEN, USCGR, as commanding officer of Coast Guard Cutter UNIMAK (WTR 379), the Coast Guard Reserve training vessel. The change of command ceremony was held Monday, 29 July 1974, at the new Coast Guard Base, Portsmouth, Virginia.

CDR WUBBOLD was formerly Chief of the AMVER Branch for the Pacific Area. CAPT ALLEN was transferred to Headquarters where he assumed duties as Chief, Reserve Administration Division in August.

## CCGD12 Chief Gets Navy League Award

Chief Firefighter Philip R. HOXIE, USCGR has been honored as the Twelfth Coast Guard District's outstanding enlisted reservist for Fiscal Year 1974.

The Oakland (Cal.) Council of the Navy League, sponsors of the district award, made the announcement on 24 September 1974.

FIC HOXIE of Reserve Group San Francisco (M-Div.) has 17 years of service in the Reserve program in the Port Safety/Security field.

Chief HOXIE was involved in the Twelfth District Reserve reorganization in February and March 1974 and earned the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for his efforts.

BMCS Eugene A. SAPNARO, USCGR of Coast Guard Reserve Rio Vista Station was runner-up in the award selection. Chief SAPNARO replaces regular watchstanders 24 hours a month while augmenting as OOD at Rio Vista Station.

The Navy League-sponsored award is made each year. Each Twelfth District Reserve Group and Unit is eligible to nominate one candidate for consideration. Nominations for Fiscal Year 1975 are due by 1 September 1975.

## Eleventh District Woman Augments POINT JUDITH

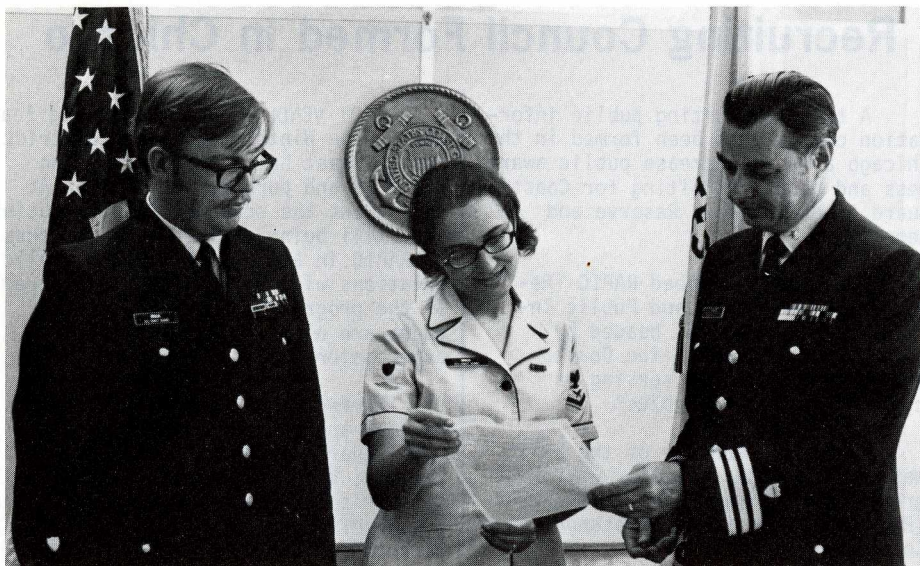
YN2 Sheila M. WOLFE, USCGR of Santa Barbara, CA has become the first woman to serve aboard a vessel in the Eleventh Coast Guard district.

Coast Guard Cutter POINT JUDITH, an 82-footer homeported in Santa Barbara, requested augmentation assistance from the local Reserve unit. The 29-year old Miss WOLFE volunteered and now performs her regular augmentation duties on board the vessel. YN2 WOLFE handles the correspondence, general typing, and filing and prepares personnel and monthly reports for the POINT JUDITH.

In civilian life Miss WOLFE works as a radio dispatcher with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department. She joined Coast Guard Reserve Unit Santa Barbara earlier this year and began augmenting the POINT JUDITH in May.

Although it has not happened to date, YN2 WOLFE is prepared to become involved in the cutter's daylight search and rescue activities off Santa Barbara -- which would signal another Eleventh District first.





## SPAR Tops SWE

Yeoman Third Class Helen Y. WNUK, USCGR was presented recently with a letter praising her outstanding performance on the April Servicewide Examination for YN3.

CDR John P. LYNKER, USCGR, Deputy Commander of Reserve Group San Francisco (P-Div.), made the presentation in a San Francisco ceremony.

YN3 WNUK, a member of CGRU San Francisco (Procurement Branch), was the top scorer among 594 people taking the exam and well above the next highest score of those competing for the Yeoman rating.

Her husband, RD2 David WNUK, is a Regular Coast Guardsman serving aboard Coast Guard Cutter MIDGETT.

## Employer Support Committee Establishes Ombudsman

Secretary of Defense James R. SCHLESINGER has announced the establishment of an ombudsman office by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The ombudsman is designed to help resolve employer related problems for members of the Guard and Reserve who have exhausted the chain of command route to problem-solving. It is an extension of the efforts of the Committee to assure full employer support for all members of this nation's citizen-military forces.

Utilizing nearly 300 members of the Advisory Council throughout the country, plus other key Guard and Reserve personnel, the new ombudsman office intends to make direct contact with employers at the local level.

Reservists with employer-related troubles which prevent meeting mili-

tary training schedules may contact the office directly by writing to

Ombudsman  
Employer Support  
Arlington, VA 22202

The ombudsman then takes the necessary steps to arrange a meeting between the employer and a member of the community who is affiliated with the employer support effort. It is expected this effort will become a two-way street with such contact resulting in better relations between civilian employers and local Guard and Reserve units.

Coast Guard reservists are reminded that the chain of command must be used to try to solve any problem before turning to the ombudsman office. Help should be sought first at the unit level and then up the chain to the district office and Headquarters, if necessary.

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, headed by Mr. J.M. ROCHE, former Board Chairman of General Motors, has been in operation since 22 June 1972. Over this period they have been successful in resolving employer-employee misunderstandings on an informal basis. This success, along with the thought that there may be guardsmen and reservists who might benefit from this unique capability, prompted the Committee to establish the ombudsman office.

The Committee in its regular pursuit of employer support for the Guard and Reserve now has succeeded in securing pledged support from over 250,000 employers, covering in excess of 47 million employees or 57% of the total American work force.

Virtually all fields of endeavor are represented including private business, colleges and universities, hospitals, banks, labor, farmers, the Federal Government, all 50 states, and more than 1500 cities and counties.

## Reservist Honored

Quartermaster First Class William F. KNUTSON, USCGR was among 11 reservists and National Guardsmen honored in Armed Forces Night ceremonies held recently at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Rudy Perpich presented QM1 KNUTSON with the Minnesota Achievement Award during a ceremony just prior to a Minnesota Twins baseball game.

Festivities included a tailgate party for award recipients and guests, commendation plaques, and the free baseball game. KNUTSON, a member of CGRU St. Paul, is employed by Minnesota Lumber and Wrecking Company.





## Exchange Use Privileges Authorized For Reserve

Exchange use privileges for reservists performing inactive duty training have been expanded again.

The House Armed Service Committee has authorized unlimited exchange privileges for members of the Ready Reserve (of all Reserve components) who participate in regularly scheduled inactive duty drilling programs.

This exchange privilege is based on one day of exchange use for each day of inactive duty training performed. A day of inactive duty training is defined as two inactive duty training periods (or drills). Drills attended during the preceding quarter will determine the number of days of entitlement for the current quarter.

Heretofore members were allowed such privileges only on their actual day of training. Now it will become a cumulative privilege, and reservists may exercise it on any day.

The exchange privilege will be available not to Selected Reservists (that is, paid reservists) only, but to all reservists performing regularly scheduled drills. Therefore members of Volunteer Training Units, for example, also qualify for these exchange privileges.

The spouse of an eligible reservist will be permitted to accompany the reservist while using the exchange. The spouse, however, will not be permitted to purchase items individually.

This House action applies to exchange use only. Reservists are still not entitled to use commissary facilities, package stores, etc.

## Recruiting Council Formed in Chicago

A trial recruiting public information council has been formed in the Chicago area to increase public awareness and boost recruiting for Coast Guard programs, both Reserve and Regular.

The council, dubbed RAPIC (Recruiting Assistance and Public Information Council) is headed by CAPT Bill C. VENDL of the Coast Guard Reserve who is serving as coordinator of the project.

The basic concept of the RAPIC was derived from a similar Navy program in the Chicago area called RDAC (Recruiting District Assistance Council).

An information sheet produced by RAPIC emphasizes that their primary purpose is to provide an environment conducive to successful recruiting. To accomplish this goal they plan to publicize the Coast Guard before the public in any positive way, shape, or form.

One of their initial projects was a coordinated effort at publicizing the 184th anniversary of the founding of the Coast Guard on 4 August 1974. The project featured emphasis on open houses, window displays and media advertising; participation by area political leaders; and utilization of Coast Guard ships and aircraft.

Future projects include the establishment of a speakers' bureau to spread word of the Coast Guard to service clubs and schools and coordination for color guard and marching unit participation in parades.

CAPT VENDL has been briefing leaders in the Ninth Coast Guard District and at Coast Guard Headquarters on the aims and purposes of RAPIC. At this point the scope of RAPIC's duties are still being defined. The success of RAPIC in aiding Coast Guard public relations will be carefully monitored. If the program proves productive, there are plans to extend RAPIC to other major cities.

Current membership consists of Regular and Reserve members of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliaries, but anyone having an interest is welcome to join. Contact CAPT VENDL, 162 Linden Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois, 60104.

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